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5 Applicant: Bitler et al

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Examiner: Peter Szekely

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Title: Polymeric Thickeners for Oil-containing Compositions

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

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REPLY

Sir,

This paper is a reply to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2002.

Reexamination, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

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AMENDMENTS

Please amend this application as follows.

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25 In the Specification

In accordance with 37 CFR 121 (b)(1) and (2), Applicants request replacement of a paragraph in accordance with the instructions below. Attached hereto is a separate paper entitled

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